

REMARKS

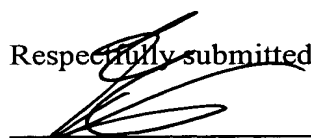
The allowability of claims 1-17 is acknowledged appreciatively.

The "central unit" of claims 1 (and 6) is deleted. The signal adaptation circuit and patch panel are shown in Fig. 3 as described on AMENDMED SHEET 4a of the PCT specification and, specifically, the paragraph of the specification above. The DIN rail claims are cancelled. Therefore, no drawing correction is required.

"Preferably" is deleted from retained claims 1 and 7 (and also claim 6). The signal types of claim 1 are clarified. The structural elements of claim 1 are connected. The "... such that ..." element of claim 6 is deleted. These changes attend to the remaining objections and rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

To the extent that claim changes are made in response to a statutory requirement, none of the changes narrows a claim, whereby no Festo-like considerations arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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